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Letter dated 13 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the resumption of the six-party talks issued on 13 July 2005 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Korean peninsula: statement on the resumption of the six-party talks issued on 13 July 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the announcement that the six-party talks are to resume in the week beginning 25 July. The European Union strongly hopes that substantial progress will be made in the fourth round of talks. The European Union reiterates its commitment to a Korean peninsula free of nuclear weapons, and urges the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to dismantle its nuclear programmes. The European Union stands ready to do what we can to support the parties in achieving this goal.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia continues to be part of the stabilization and association process.